



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GUN CLUB

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Notes from the President:

For the members that have been going to the lower ranges, there is a mess with mud and trenches that were meant to correct a problem of our fields. As of now, there is not much that can be done until the rain stops for at least a couple weeks. Maybe a little more. Be patient as the club is still working to remedy the situation. It has to be dry enough to get equipment in there.

Also, a couple weeks ago I encountered a single member that had invited 20 guests to shoot on the 25 yard pistol range. This was quite a surprise to me and I felt compelled to approach this member to get an explanation. He claimed to be hosting a get together for some work colleagues as a team building adventure. The event was not scheduled nor approved by any of the NVGC EC and therefore not allowed. To all club members, remember to limit your guests to no more than four at any time. Although it has always been my understanding that no member can bring more than four guests at a time, I can find no mention of this in the club by-laws or safety rules. This is something that needs to be addressed and published where all members have access. Sorry for any inconvenience and it will be resolved.

Perry Fridley
NVGC President

May 2009 Membership Report:

Please join me in welcoming five new members in April: Edwin Ball, Robert Marston, Michael Willis, Christopher Weaver, and Jeffry Cormier.

There are four prospective members: Gregory Wheeler of Dumfries, James Flowers of Fredericksburg, Carroll Childers sponsored by Michael Jamison and Gerald Lopez of Bristow. If anyone has any issues with any of the prospective members, please contact the membership secretary or any club officer with your concerns as soon as possible.

We currently have 334 active members. The billing cycle for the FY 09-10 will start in early June. You should receive a letter with your information that we have on file and directions for sending in your payment. Please follow directions in writing the check payable as directed, sending the check to the address listed and correcting information that is incorrect and pay before the due date, which is July 1.

Darryl Breitenstein
Membership Secretary

From the XO:

Work Party – I would like to thank everyone who came out to support the April work party – your donation of time and effort is very much appreciated. Our next work party will be held on 16 May, commencing 9AM. Please come and help support your club. We will focus on several projects:

1. Toilet building interior finishing (carpentry, plumbing and electric tools)
2. Concrete apron around well head (wheel barrel, hoe)
3. Roadside clean-up and trenching (chain saws, pruners, picks, mattox, shovels)
4. Target backer clean up (screw drivers, pliers etc)

Lunch will be provided at noon. Looking for two volunteers to buy food / cook (call Tim week prior 775-4561).

Tim Spivak
Executive Officer

Toilet Building and Meeting Room Update

All the exterior doors are working and hardware is installed. We are going to try connect the electric panel at the meter to the electric panel in the building at the May 16 work session. This will involve locating underground pipes and wires, trenching 150 ft. and burying the cables. We also want to tie into an existing water line and connect it to the building. This will be another 100 ft. or so of trenching, digging around the building, and plumber work. If you can help with this, bring your plumber tools. We will be able to do most of it with the trencher, but will need lots of hand work around the building, the pole, the water line, and any buried wires. If you can help with this, bring shovels, picks, digging bars, etc. Once this is done, the building can be finished very shortly thereafter. The building has been used for several meetings already. If you want to have a meeting, please let us know so we can straighten it up for you. – *Jon Yagla*

Northern Virginia Shooting Facility Long Range Planning Committee Meeting.

The first meeting of the long range planning committee is planned for the meeting room on May 13. The Shooting Facility owns our property and is responsible for construction of facilities for the Northern Virginia Gun Club. The committee will try to get a sense of needs and direction for the next several years so that investments can be planned accordingly. The facility gets its money from the NVGC lease, which is paid annually, investments, and sale of stock and timber. The lease needs to be renewed next year. Timber will be ready to harvest in a few years as well. Our future is somewhat complicated by the railroad property and the Rails to Trails hiking group. The committee is comprised of Jon Yagla, chair, Gene Hodgson, and Seth Rinaldi from the facility, and Tim Spivak, Darryl Breitenstein, and Joe Primerano representing NVGC. – *Jon Yagla*

Range Safety Notes:

The Dahlgren Heritage Rail Trail (DHRT) is having a benefit for the King George Animal Rescue League on Saturday May 9 and will be using the bypass. The bypass includes a portion of our road to the lower ranges, PLEASE DRIVE SLOW. THE LOWER RANGES WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR THIS EVENT.

I would like to remind everyone that the club is a private organization for members, their immediate families, and no more than four (4) guests per member at any one time. We recently had an incident where one member was conducting a class on the pistol range with a large group from a federal agency. Local, state, and federal agency's including the military, have their own training ranges, **NVGC is NOT** one of these ranges.

Please **DO NOT SHOOT AT THE GROUND, INTO STANDING WATER, OR THE DRAINAGE DITCHES** that were dug at the March work party on the lower ranges, doing so will only increase the chance of a ricochet.

Due to the fact that the lower ranges are just that, **low**, your range gear should include a good pair of water proof boots.

Please practice basic safety, **EYE** and **EAR** protection required on the line while shooting is in progress on the lower ranges, forward of the light poles on the skeet and trap ranges.

Always appoint someone as Range Safety Officer (RSO); if you are the first person on the range, you are it. When you leave the range, turn the (RSO) duties over to someone else. **EVERYONE** keep in mind, when a "CEASE FIRE" is called, unload your weapon, lay the weapon on the bench, and step away from the line, **NO ONE** is to touch anything on the firing line until the range is "HOT".

Target frames are to be used for holding target backers, not clay pigeons, cans plastic bottles, balloons etc. Staple balloons to target backers if you shoot balloons, hang plastic bottles, etc. with a string from a cross member. **DO NOT** lean anything against an upright to shoot at, build your own frame and set up **in front** of a berm, be sure that your rounds **impact the berm**, and avoid shooting into the ground.

Please pick up your targets and take them with you when you are finished shooting; if you can bring it, you can certainly take it with you and dispose of it. If you remove stools or benches from under the covered part of the line please put them back when finished. Someone put time and effort into building this equipment for the club, **YOUR CLUB**, so take care of **YOUR** stuff.

If you see anyone deliberately destroying club property, report the person (or persons) to any one of the Executive Committee or any member of the Facility Board.

Remember, there are extra gate locks in the ammo can on the left compartment the target shed on the lower ranges.

Seth Rinaldi

Chief Range Safety Officer

Cowboy Action Report:

Another excellent turn-out at our April match with 19 shooters enjoying the fun. Club members are encouraged to come on out and give this high-speed shooting sport a try. There are always plenty of folks willing to show you the ropes and loan you guns and ammo. We do ask that first time participants observe one match prior to shooting. We shoot every 4th Sunday from March to November. Our next match is 24th May. Registration and target set-up starts at 9AM and members are asked to help with stage set-up and tear-down. We shoot six stages, starting at 10:00AM and wrapping up around 3:00 PM. Bring your 1800's style six shooters, holsters, rifle, and shotgun along with 120 rounds pistol/rifle ammo + 50 rounds shotgun ammo if you want to join the fun. Contact Tim at 775-4561 for details – or Google “SASS” to learn more about the competition.

Tim Spivak

CAS Chairman

Shotgun Corner:

We had to cancel the April monthly trap match, disappointing many who had planned to come. Hopefully, the trap machine will be ready for the May 9 match, which is coming right up. We have a NSSA registered skeet tournament May 30, with 50 targets in all four guns. Work credits are allowed for helping conduct these matches. Our shooters are already posting some fine scores this season. Mike Thompson got bumped back a half yard for a 91 in a handicap trap match he won at Piedmont under extreme conditions of wind and rain. Mike and Rick DeMerle both shot fine 93's in a windy handicap match in Winchester, winning some "trinken geld". We have a skeet contingent that should be just getting back from the Battlefield shoot in Fredericksburg. This is one of the top hundred shoots in the country. We are fortunate to have this level of competition so nearby, and hopefully I will have some good news in the June newsletter.

Jon Yagla

Shotgun Chairman

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NVGC 2009 Calendar:

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday's (8Mar-25Oct)	1630 - 2030	Shotgun Practice (POC - Jon Yagla)
8 - 10 May	0700 Fri - 1700 Sun	Boy Scout Troop 8 * - see note below
9 May	0800 - 1700	DHRT benefit for KGARL (Using Bypass, this includes our road)
9 May	0900 - TBA	Trap Match - (POC - Jon Yagla)
16 May	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
23 May	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
24 May	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
30 May	0815 - 1515	VSSA Skeet Match - "Fickle Finger Fifties" (POC - Jon Yagla)
20 June	0900	Work Party, Club Meeting, Club Picnic (POC-Tim Spivak)
27 June	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
28 June	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
11 July	0815 - 1630	VSSA Skeet Match - "Fahrenheit Fifties" (POC Jon Yagla)
18 July	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
19 July	0900 - TBA	Trap Match - (POC - Jon Yagla)
25 July	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
26 July	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
8 August	0600 - 1430	50km Race (Runners will use bypass, this includes our road)
15 August	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
22 August	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
22 August	0900 - TBA	Trap Match - (POC - Jon Yagla)
23 August	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
4 - 7 September	1600 Fri - 1600 Mon	Boy Scout Troop 875 ** - see note below (POC - Jim Morgan)
12 September	0830 - 1530	VSSA Skeet Match - "Felicitous Fall Fifties" (POC Jon Yagla)
19 September	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
26 September	1000	Annual Open House (POC Tim Spivak)
26 September	0800 - 1200	Benchrest Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
26 September	0900 - TBA	Trap Match - (POC - Jon Yagla)
27 September	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
10-12 October	0800 Sat - 1700 Mon	Boy Scout Troop 1887 (POC - Jim Miller)
17 October	0900	Work Party & Club Meeting (POC-Tim Spivak)
24 October	0800 - 1200	Benchrest CHAMPIONSHIP Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
25 October	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
Sunday's (1 Nov - 31 Dec)	1300 - 1700	Shotgun Practice (POC - Jon Yagla)
21 November	TBD	Club Meeting (Location TBD, POC Tim Spivak)
22 November	0900 - 1500	Cowboy Action Shooting Match (POC - Tim Spivak)
28 November	0800 - 1200	Benchrest OYSTER COOKOUT Match, 22 Cal (POC - Perry Fridley)
19 December	TBD	Club Meeting (Location TBD, POC Tim Spivak)

Notes: All events are held at the Club unless specifically stated otherwise.

(*) BS troop 8 will be camping at NVGC BS Camp on 9-10 May and utilizing skeet field and rifle range on a non-interfering basis with scheduled club activities.

(**) NVGC member Jimmy Morgan will host BS Troop 875 of Fairfax VA at the NVGC BS camp commencing 1600 hrs Friday 4 Sep 09 - 1600 hrs Monday, 7 Sep 09. Jimmy will be present as range safety officer to supervise the troop's use of NVGC rifle and shotgun ranges on Saturday and Sunday from 0800 - 1700 hrs.

For Sale:

Taurus Model 82 Revolver, Cal. .38 SPL. 4" lug barrel, double action, blue. 6 shot. Condition: Very Good. Ruger Mini14 Ranch Rifle, .223 caliber, Strikeforce stock AND wood stock, (4) 20 rd magazines, (1) 5 round magazine. Condition: Very Good. If interested, contact Jim Rappe (jnjrapp@hotmai.com) 540-891-2373.

Work Party Credits:

Last	First	18-Apr	21-Mar	16-Feb (Beav)	Other *	Total
Affholter	Brett	1			4	5
Armstrong	Scott					0
Arthur	Mike					0
Arthur	Dave					0
Asper	Janet					0
Bass	Gary					0
Blancard	Steve		1	1		2
Bleau	Tim					0
Bone	Lucy					0
Bone	John					0
Boyer	Chuck	1				1
Boyce	Dick		1			1
Breitenstein	Darryl		1		4	5
Brissey	Ted					0
Bulloss	Glen		1			1
Burns						0
Bushong	Phil	1	1		2	4
Byrum	Cliff		1			1
Carsole	Tim			2		2
Carter	Anthony					0
Carter	Garrett					0
Carver	Reed				4	4
Childers*	Carroll	1				1
Ciarula	Tom				4	4
Cormier	Jeffrey	1				1
Crampton	Mark		1			1
Decker	Scott					0
Detwiler	Doug					0
Donlavage	David					0
Doyal	Charles			2		2
Farley	Dave					0
Fox	Brian					0
Frericks	Lonnie				4	4
Fridley, Jr	Perry	1			8	9
Fridley III	Perry	1				1
Garloch	Mike			2		2
Gibson	Jerry	1	1	2	2	6
Gilmer	John					0
Gimmelle	Tony					0
Goff	Udo					0
Gonzalez	Jose					0
Hackett	Tom				4	4
Harrod	Greg	1				1
Heilman	Jeff				2	2
Hodgson	Gene				4	4
Hudson	Thomas			2	2	4
Huffstickler	Andy	1				1
Hundley	Dale				4	4
Hunt	Jerry				2	2
Jackson	Phil		1			1
Jenkins	David					0
Jones	Ernie					0

Last	First	18-Apr	21-Mar	16-Feb (Beav)	Other *	Total
Kueglar						0
King	Bob	1	1		2	4
King	Chip					0
Klochak	John		1		4	5
Knowles	Kerry	1	1			2
Kolbrener	Fred	1	1		4	6
Largent	Tom				4	4
Leasure	Eric					0
Lewis	Todd			2		2
LoBuglio	John					0
Lopez	Felix					0
Maddox	Joe					0
Main	Rick	1	1			2
Manuel	Ben					0
Marston	Robert		1			1
Miller	James				4	4
Misch	Dan		1			1
Montreif						0
Norberg	Joe				2	2
Morgan	Jimmy					0
Morrissett	Jim			2	2	4
Newman	Jim		1		4	5
Niazi	Ahmed					0
Norberg	Joe					0
Paquette	Peter					0
Pasko	Tom	1				1
Peed	Mark-Don	1				1
Philbrick	Charles					0
Phillips	Thomas					0
Poynor	Jim					0
Primerano	Joe	1			4	5
Proes	Roger		1			1
Quintana	John		1			1
Quann	Carl					0
Rappe	Jim		1			1
Reidinger	Jim					0
Rinaldi	Seth	1	1		8	10
Rowan	Chuck	1	1			2
Sessoms	John		1			1
Simmons	Dale					0
Simpson	Mike				1	1
Sisson	Dickie					0
Soeffer	Harvey		1			1
Spivak	Tim		1	2	8	11
Steele	Mike		1			1
Strange	Chris					0
Tacke	Gary					0
Tiedge	Ken	1				1
Usry	Tracy	1				1
Wasmund	Tom		1	2	4	7
Weaver	Chris	1	1			2
Westendorf	Jim					0
Wheeler*	Greg	1				1
Whitby	George					0
White	Brian					0
Wilkenson	James					0
Wilkenson	Tim	1				1
Yagla	Jon				8	8

Other = Boy Scouts, Cowboy Action Match; Bench Rest Match; NVGC Officers/Chairs; NFSF Officers; Trap/ Skeet Match
 * = Prospective member

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